

Providence Church

11:00 am December 29, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

* Opening Praise *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Call to Worship *Psalm 66*

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

People: And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

Leader: I cried to Him with my mouth,

People: And He was extolled with my tongue.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn *God, Be Merciful to Me* #51C

Scriptural Exhortation *Romans 12:1-2*

Prayer of Confession: **Most merciful Father, Your plan for us is to know, serve, and magnify You through Jesus Christ. By Your great love, You have opened our eyes to new life in Him. We confess our devotion to You is still very weak. We follow the lusts and pleasures of worldliness too easily. Forgive us. Wash us clean; purify us by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ at the cross. Make our chief desire to love and honor You above all.**

Help us to press ever upward in the call of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1: 8-9

* Hymn of *Amazing Grace!* #433
Response

* Affirmation of Faith *Westminster Larger Catechism*

Q194: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A194: In the fifth petition (which is, *Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*), acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved; continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

Prayer of the Congregation and *Ruling Elder Norval Sells*
The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,**

